

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF A.L. BROWN
HIGH SCHOOL WINNING THE
"BATTLE FOR THE BELL"

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the A.L. Brown High School Wonders football team for its victory over the Concord High School Spiders in the "Battle for the Bell" football game.

In the 85th meeting between these two rival football programs, A.L. Brown earned a hard-fought victory over Concord by a score of 26–15. The Wonders took an early lead in the first quarter with a 24-yard pass from quarterback Damon Johnson to wide receiver Dominique Washington, but Concord answered in the second quarter with a Keenan Black one-yard touchdown run to tie the game up at the half. The two teams traded touchdowns in the third quarter, but the Spiders had the lead going in to the fourth quarter after a successful two-point conversion. However, the Wonders would answer in the fourth quarter with two touchdowns to recapture "The Bell" and take it back to A.L. Brown High School, located in Kannapolis, North Carolina.

This is the first victory for A.L. Brown over Concord in three seasons, with Concord holding the slight overall series edge at 42–39–4. In addition to being the 85th game played between these two schools, this game made history by being the first ever game in the state of North Carolina to be televised live, according to the Charlotte Observer. Having gone to the game myself, I can confirm this was a game worthy of the distinction. Both teams played extremely hard, and both fan bases should be proud of the effort and skill displayed by both teams.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating the A.L. High School football team for its victory over Concord High School in the "Battle for the Bell" football game.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK TAKAI

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. TAKAI. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, I was absent from the House due to illness. Due to my absence, I am not recorded on any legislative measures for the day. I would like to reflect how I would have voted had I been present for legislative business.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on Roll Call 570, Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 1090.

I would have voted "no" on Roll Call 571, the Rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 1090.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 572, Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 597.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 573, the Rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 597.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 574, the Lynch Amendment to H.R. 1090.

I would have voted "no" on Roll Call 575, final passage of H.R. 1090.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 576, final passage of H.R. 597.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,152,603,664,891.43. We've added \$7,525,726,615,978 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO MAXINE BERMAN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable person from my home state of Michigan, Maxine Berman, who is being inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame on October 29, 2015. Maxine and nine others will join pioneering women including civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks, former First Lady Betty Ford, the Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin, and the longtime dean of the White House press corps Helen Thomas, who have been previously inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame for their contributions to my home state and to our nation.

Maxine Berman served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1983 to 1996, where she earned a reputation for her intelligence, her thoughtfulness about public policy, and for her candor. She was also known for her steadfast commitment to women's health and reproductive freedom, including authoring a bill to require accreditation for mammography facilities and successfully lobbying the federal government to establish national standards. Maxine was also outspoken about challenges she and other women experienced in the State Legislature. In 1994, near the end of her tenure in the Michigan House, she published a book about this experience—The

Only Boobs in the House Are Men: A Veteran Woman Legislator Lifts the Lid on Politics Macho Style—which made waves then and is still cited today, more than twenty years later.

After a few years away from government, Rep. Berman joined the administration of Governor Jennifer Granholm, where she served as director of special projects. In this position, Maxine was a powerful public advocate for vital issues including women's health and reproductive freedom, affirmative action, and stem cell research, and she led the Granholm Administration's effort to encourage local governments to collaborate in providing services to their residents. Her leadership was recognized by Central Michigan University, who appointed Rep. Berman to be the Griffin Endowed Chair in American Government from 2009 to 2013. This prestigious position is named for former U.S. Senator Robert Griffin and his wife Marjorie, and has been held by notable political leaders from both political parties since its inception.

Her many accomplishments do not capture the influence that my dear friend, Maxine, has had throughout—and since—her years of public service. Maxine is always willing to lend an ear or a hand to talented people who want to serve, and Michigan has benefitted from the leadership of the countless women to whom Maxine has served as a mentor, confidante, policy advisor and coach. She remains committed to good public policy and grassroots activism.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly fitting that Maxine Berman will join other notable women of Michigan in the Women's Hall of Fame. I encourage my colleagues to join me in congratulating her, and in thanking her for her leadership and significant contributions to Michigan and to the nation.

IN HONOR OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF KANNAPOLIS' 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize First Baptist Church of Kannapolis for their 100-year anniversary.

Located in Kannapolis, North Carolina, First Baptist Church has been a staple of the community throughout their 100-year history. Under the stewardship of Rev. Dr. Claude Forehand II, First Baptist Church has been a beacon of hope in our community through service projects and events, and has provided the congregation with opportunities to develop as individuals through prayer, worship and educational workshops.

On Friday, September 25, 2015, First Baptist Church of Kannapolis officially celebrated their 100-year anniversary with an event filled with fellowship and worship. The event included remarks from special guest speaker

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